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(U) PolOff on August 11 delivered reftel demarche and talking points encouraging high-level GOK participation in the November BMENA Forum for the Future to Jasem Al-Najem, Counselor in the International Organizations Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While Al-Najem could not offer a definitive response, he emphasized Kuwait's dedication to strong U.S.-Kuwait relations and assured us that the GOK would give the forum close consideration. He promised to forward the nonpaper and demarche message to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Post will report any subsequent response septel.

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